WELCOME, DEAR READERS, TO YET ANOTHER EDITION OF "UPS & DOWNS", WHERE WE ONCE AGAIN VENTURE INTO THE UNCHARTED WATERS OF INTERSPECIES RELATIONSHIPS.
WE HAD TO WAIT AWHILE TO FINISH THIS UP. TOM HAD TO UNDERGO EXTENSIVE RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY SINCE OUR LAST EPISODE. BUT HE'S ALL BETTER NOW.
AT LEAST, HE BETTER BE.
BECAUSE NOW WE GET TO TACKLE MY FAVORITE CHAPTER: DANGEROUS PREDATORS!
DANGEROUS PREDATORS?!?
THIS IS THE BOOK YOU'VE BEEN USING?!? FORGET IT, MAN! I QUIT!!
DIFFERENT SPECIES THAT SHOULD NEVER MATE
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PART 3: THE LAST CHAPTER
THE UPS AND DOWNS OF ANTHROPOMORPHIC RELATIONSHIPS
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THIS IS THE LAST ONE?
THANK GOD.
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN.
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YOU LISTEN TO ME, YOU PATHETIC LITTLE DRAG-ASS, NO-TALENT EXCUSE FOR A CAT – IF YOU DON'T TURN AROUND AND WALK INTO THE NEXT ROOM SO WE CAN GET THIS THING STARTED, SO HELP ME, I WILL PERSONALLY TAKE A RUSTY CHEESE GRATER TO YOUR--
Uh- heh heh. AHEM JUST A LITTLE EMPLOYEE DISCUSSION. Heh. EVERY-THING'S CLEARED UP. Heh heh.
AND OFF HE GOES!
I THINK I NEED TO FIND ANOTHER LINE OF WORK.

"FIRST AT BAT IS AMANDA MARTINS, A WOLVERINE FROM ALASKA."
D-DID SHE SAY WOLVERINE?!?
HI!
UH-H-HI. YOU'RE NOT GONNA HURT ME, ARE YOU?
NOT UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO.
THE SUN'S COMING UP...
...MORE!!
"THE PRO: BECAUSE WOLVERINES ARE SUCH POWERFUL CREATURES, THEIR AMAZING STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE COMES IN HANDY WHILE HAVING SEX."
"THE CON: THAT SAME AMAZING STRENGTH CAN HAVE MAJOR DRAWBACKS."
KRIK
Oh. Oh dear. I- I THINK I BROKE HIM.

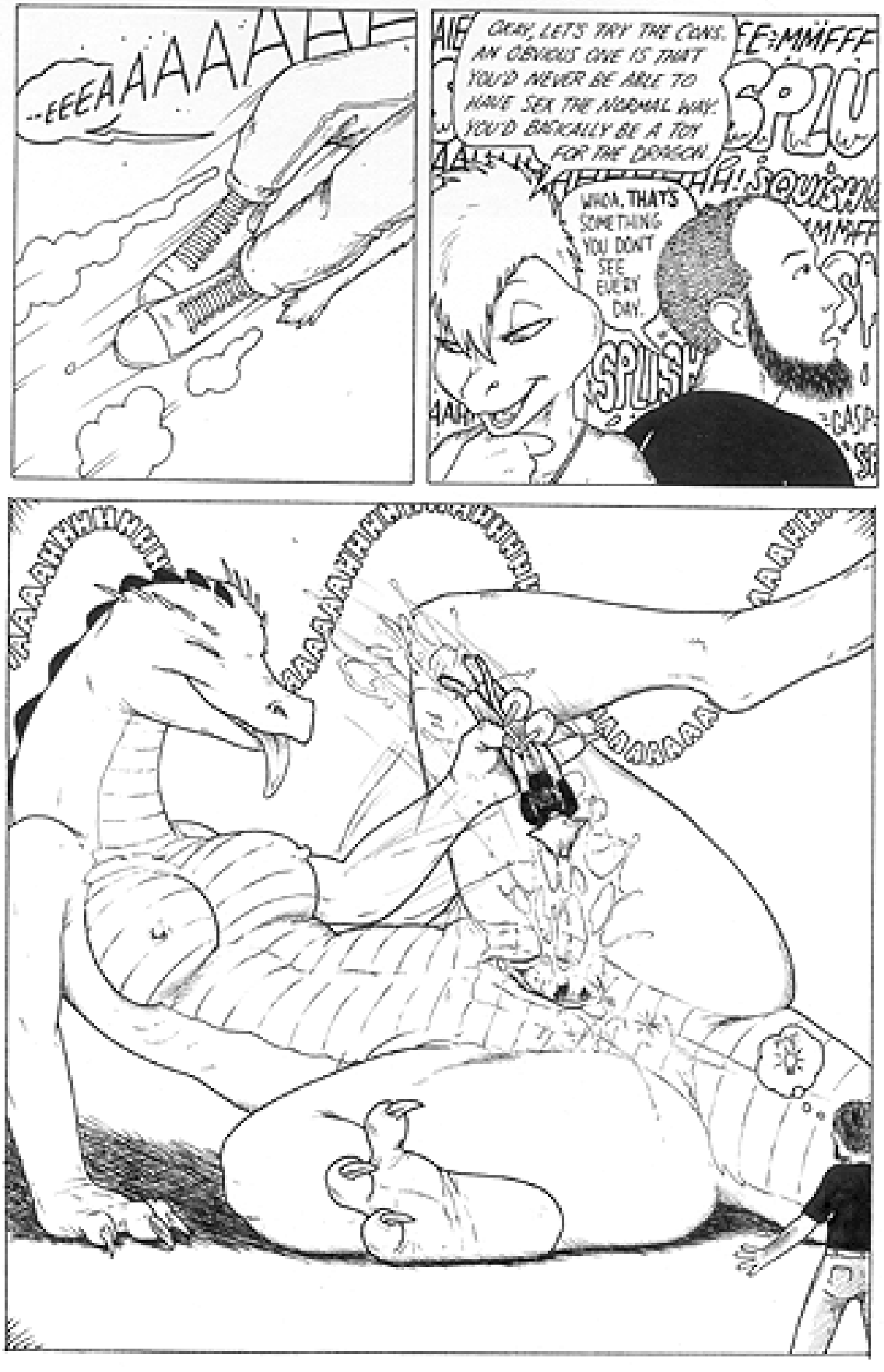
IS HE GONNA BE OKAY?
YEAH. HE'LL SPRING RIGHT BACK.
can't... feel... my... legs...
"MEET BERYL, A 22 YEAR OLD ALLIGATOR FROM NEW SMYRNA, FLORIDA."
"BECAUSE ALLIGATORS SPEND SO MUCH TIME IN THE WATER, YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT OVERHEATING WHILE MAKING LOVE. YOU MAY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT CRAMPS, THOUGH. OR DROWNING."
I JUST HAD A THOUGHT. WITH ALL THIS THRASHING AROUND WE'RE DOING, I BET IF YOU THREW IN SOME SOAP, WE COULD TOSS IN THE LAUNDRY.
"UNFORTUNATELY, IF YOU'RE A GUY WHO'S INTO ROMANCE, THINGS LIKE RUBBING LOTION OVER YOUR GIRLFRIENDS BODY IS LIKELY TO TURN YOUR HANDS INTO HAMBURGER."
SO MUCH FOR PLAYING THE PIANO

"HERE'S LIBERTY, A 25 YEAR OLD BALD EAGLE FROM PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA."
AN EAGLE?!? IS THIS YOUR IDEA OF A SICK JOKE, DÉSIRÉE? I'M A CAT, REMEMBER?!?
"THE PRO: IF YOU'RE INTO CUDDLING, THEN A BIRD IS DEFINITELY FOR YOU. WITH THEIR THICK PLUMAGE, THEY CAN KEEP YOU WARM ON THOSE COLD WINTER NIGHTS."
PURRRRRRRR
AAAAAAA
THE CON: THEY CAN TAKE YOU TO NEW HEIGHTS.
LITERALLY.

"NEXT ON THE LIST IS SHERYL, A 19 YEAR OLD BROWN BEAR FROM NEVADA."
"FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ENJOY FEMALES WITH A LITTLE MORE MEAT ON THEIR BONES, A BEAR IS A PERFECT CHOICE."
"HOWEVER, SINCE BEARS ARE GENERALLY VERY DEEP SLEEPERS (A THROWBACK TO THEIR HIBERNATING ANCESTORS), IT'S WISE NOT TO DISTURB THEM DURING THEIR FORTY WINKS."
HERE YOU GO! BREAKFAST IN B-
URK!!

"FINALLY, THERE'S SHAYLA, A DRAGONESS FROM AUSTRALIA."
A DRAGONESS ?!? WHAT KINDA CRAP IS--
EH?
UH, DÉSIRÉE?
LESSEE. A PRO OF HAVING A DRAGON LOVER COULD BE THAT YOU'D ALWAYS HAVE A LIGHT FOR YOUR CIGARETTES OR CANDLES...
DÉSIRÉE.
OR, IF THE DRAGON HAS WINGS, YOU'D HAVE A CHEAP FORM OF TRANS-PORTATION...
DÉSIRÉE.
Hmmm... THIS ONE'S KINDA TOUGH.
DÉSIR--

--EEEAAAAAHH
OKAY, LET'S TRY THE CONS. AN OBVIOUS ONE IS THAT YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO HAVE SEX THE NORMAL WAY. YOU'D BASICALLY BE A TOY FOR THE DRAGON.
EE=MMFFF
SPLU
AHHHH!
SQUISH!
AMMFF
WHOA. THAT'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T SEE EVERY DAY.
SPLISH
AAH
=GASP=
=PANT=
KAFF!
KOFF!!
=PANT=
HACK!
YOU LUCKY S.O.B..
I BEG TO DIFFER.
ICK!
MY RESIGNATION.
YOU'RE ALL COVERED IN DRAGON GOO! FORGET IT!! DON'T TOUCH ME!
EWW. I HOPE THIS WASHES OUT.
I WOULDN'T CALL BEING A "SEX TOY" A BAD THING.
Hmmm... THIS GIVES ME AN IDEA FOR A FOLIO...
END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